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## Greek Council Okays New Fraternity

By ROSALYN AQUILA  
NEWS EDITOR

Greek Council approved Kenyon's first new fraternity in more than 50 years on Monday, Nov. 5, in a narrow 5-4 vote, with two groups abstaining. The newly recognized brothers of Sigma Phi Tau plan to request colonization by the national fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau.

President of Sigma Phi Tau Tristan Neviska '13 got the idea to bring the fraternity to campus after working at Flying Horse Farms, a Mount Gilead, Ohio camp for sick children. The camp also has connections to the College — it is a member of the SeriousFun Children's Network, an international family of camps founded by Paul Newman '49, a Phi Kappa Tau himself when he briefly attended Ohio University.

Because of the camp's connections with Phi Kappa Tau, Neviska worked with several members of the fraternity. "Hearing the guys' stories about their chapters and everything, I was like, 'Man, why did I never go Greek?'" Neviska said. "That's what started the thought process. I found that I really liked

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Tristan Neviska '13

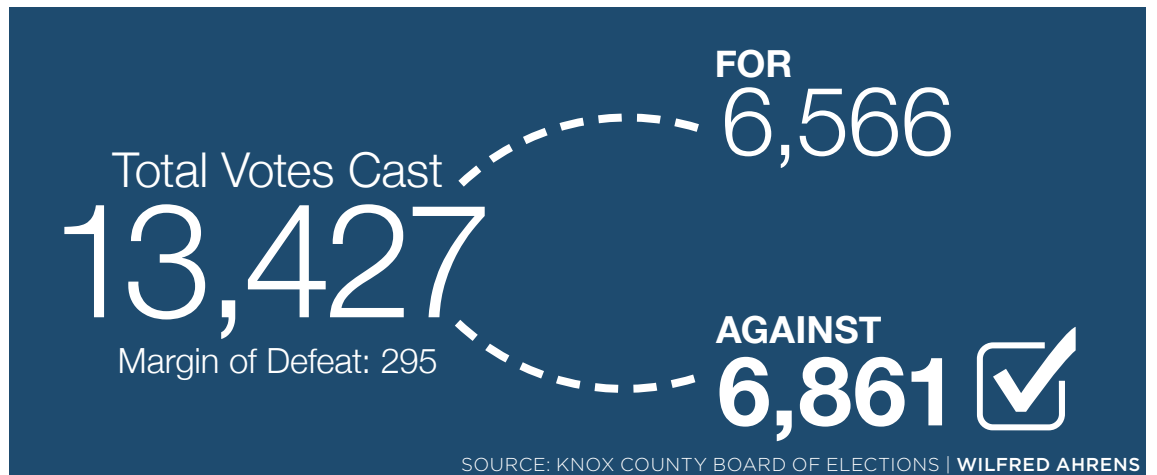
the mission of Phi Tau and all the brothers I met were great."

From there, Neviska began reaching out to see if any friends were also interested in starting the fraternity. "I've always felt like I wanted to join a fraternity, but I never found a fit with any other fraternity on campus," he said. "So, I was just talking to people on Facebook, and I was asking my friends, 'Why didn't you ever go Greek?' and they all [said] the same thing. They wanted to be Greek, but they just didn't feel like they fit with other groups."

After garnering enough interest among friends, Neviska met with

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## School Levy Defeated in Close Vote



The proposed operating levy is the third to fail since 2010.

By GABRIEL BRISON-TREZISE  
STAFF WRITER

The Mount Vernon School District's proposed new operating levy failed on Tuesday by a margin of just 295 votes, or 2.2 percent.

"I was disappointed that it didn't pass. I was appreciative of the efforts of a lot of people to try to get it to pass," said District Superintendent Steve Short. The district has tried three times since 2010 to pass a new operating levy in order

to recoup at least some of the \$2 million it has lost in revenue over the last two years, according to Short. "We've not added a levy for new money" since 1996, Short reiterated.

"We used all the campaign strategies we could to communicate why we needed to pass this levy," said Mo Helser, levy chair of the Committee to Support Our Local Schools, in an email.

The proposed levy failed by a vote of 6,566 for to 6,861 against.

Helser had previously expressed confidence the levy would pass. "I'm very optimistic. ... I think being a presidential election, we have [high voter turnout] in our favor," she said before the levy went to vote. While more than twice as many individuals voted on this levy as on the last proposed new operating levy, the increase in voters ultimately did not push "For the Tax Levy" past the post.

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## Hillel to Open New Facility

By LAUREN TOOLE  
NEWS EDITOR

The College plans to tear down and erect a new Hillel House, the campus center for Jewish life, to make room for the new Health and Counseling Center on Scott Lane. Construction is slated to begin this summer. The house will be located in roughly the same location as the current Hillel, but with one major difference — students will no longer live in the building.

This decision reflects the changing atmosphere of Jewish culture on campus, according to Hillel Director Marc Bragin.

"The model for Jewish life used to be living 'Jewishly,' which meant being Jewish outside of Hillel and inside Hillel," Bragin said. "The newer model is to really experience Judaism, so that Judaism really isn't centered in this house, it's all around campus ... living Judaism is really outside this building now ... it's just a newer model for Hillel and Jew-



SAM COLT | COLLEGIAN

This summer, the College will tear down the current Hillel House.

ish life on campus."

The lack of living space could potentially pose problems for Hillel House managers, however.

"It'll be challenging for them as student managers to step up and do different types of programming," Bragin said. "How do you reach out to folks and the community in a programming

center that's not a residential component? So I think for the students it'll be a little more challenging, but in a good way."

Current Hillel House leaders Zoe Lyon '15 and Andrew Pochter '15 were not part of the conversation about eliminating the student living option in the

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## Rugby Eligible for NCAA Concussion Screening

By CALEB BISSINGER AND  
MADELINE THOMPSON  
COLLEGIAN STAFF

Brett Williams '13 doesn't remember colliding with the defender from Washington University. The football team's starting running back doesn't even remember being on the field in St. Louis on Sept. 22 when he suffered the second concussion of his Kenyon career.

"Immediately the trainers stick with you, and they make sure that you're not going to harm yourself or anyone else," Williams said. "They took my helmet away so I wouldn't try to put it on and go back in the game, because I was really confused and I was trying to do that."

In the days that followed, trainers closely monitored Williams' recovery and sub-

"You can go to the trainer and they can suggest [monitoring] to you, but they can't make you come back, and you don't have a coach."

Liz Flynn '13

jected him to a bevy of tests as part of the College's concussion protocol. Even after he was given permission to play again, the team's coaches kept a cautious eye on him. "Even when I was totally 100 percent cleared, I was not allowed to play as much as I usually would," Williams said.

Liz Flynn '13, captain of the women's rugby team and former Kenyon field hockey player, said things work a little differently when a rugby player suffers a head injury.

"If there's any risk for a concussion, if you've hit your head, we pull you out," she said. But after that, it's up to the student to self-monitor. "You can go to the trainer and they can suggest [monitoring] to you," she said, "but they can't make you come back, and you don't have a coach." Two women's rugby players sustained concussions this fall.

Next year, however, the protocol will change. Thanks

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# Frat: Brotherhood Awaits Colonization

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Director of Greek Life Christina Mastrangelo and Greek Council President Andrew Tint '13 to discuss the process of starting a Greek organization.

The proto-fraternity's 15 members began meeting regularly, and on Monday, Oct. 29 the fraternity hopefuls presented their petition for official recognition to Greek Council. The following Monday, Nov. 5, Greek Council approved the fraternity.

"Our members have all felt excitement about the idea of fraternal brotherhood," the petition read. "However, we do not find ourselves identifying with any of the images that the other Kenyon fraternities convey and feel that there are many students who are similarly pulled towards the Greek system, only to find that they do not blend well with any of the fraternities presently on campus. These are the students who we would seek to recruit for our organization."

Neviska described the fraternity as an alternative to other Greek organizations at Kenyon. "We don't really have one type in the fraternity," he said. "It's very varied. We're not really focused on social events. It's really more purist in a way. We're trying to just really focus on brotherhood

and holding each other to a higher standard, and philanthropy, too."

Tint echoed Neviska's description, adding he was excited for what this addition to Greek life will offer students. "I think this organization is going to be great because it reaches a group of [students] who I think otherwise wouldn't go Greek," he said.

Next, in the hopes of Phi Kappa Tau colonization, the fraternity will need to follow a 12-point list of requirements to become a chapter, according to Neviska. The perks of being nationally recognized are well worth it, he said, for insurance and networking purposes as well as general support.

Neviska said he hopes the fraternity will eventually become a fully-recognized chapter, a process he anticipates will take several years. At Kenyon, specifically, the brothers are also on a five-year probationary period, after which they can apply for division housing, according to Tint.

For now, the brothers of Sigma Phi Tau are looking forward to their future, mainly spring rush. "We're talking about things to really go back to the roots of pledging," Neviska said. "[Things like] bonding with your fellow pledges and learning about the group."

# Test: OhioHealth Covers Cost

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to a new partnership with health-care provider OhioHealth, the Athletics Department will offer baseline concussion testing to club athletes. The ImPACT tests, which have been administered to varsity athletes for the last three years, provide a standard of healthy reaction times for each athlete. If a student suffers a head injury, they can take the test again and cross-reference their results.

"We still see a tremendous amount of concussions with rugby, and we'd like to get them involved in this whole process early on," Director of Health Services Kim Cullers said. "The goal is to include them in what we do for all athletes in terms of how we're treating their concussions. We treat them the same as it is, but we just don't have that ImPACT testing, which would be really helpful to us as we see how they progress."

Before partnering with OhioHealth, the Athletics Department could only afford to offer the National Collegiate Athletic Association-mandated ImPACT tests to varsity athletes. Now, OhioHealth will cover the cost of ImPACT testing for club athletes as well. OhioHealth also provides seriously injured students with a physician within 24 hours.

According to Head Athletic Trainer Andy Wheeler, the partnership will make things "real easy" from a concussion stand-

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*Erin Salva, Coordinator of Disability Services*

point. "We still use the same protocol, but now we have one physician seeing them from the beginning to the end as opposed to potentially having multiple physicians see them throughout the process," Wheeler said.

The new relationship with OhioHealth is another piece in the College's comprehensive approach to head injuries. In addition to medical treatment, student-athletes dealing with concussions also receive academic dispensations.

These accommodation options for the recovery period include extending time for tests to include time for breaks, using text-to-speech technology for class readings and pushing assignment deadlines. According to Erin Salva, coordinator of disability services, 48 hours of recovery is normal for mild to moderate first-time concussions. "It's based on self-reporting of symptoms. The recommendation is rest," she said. "If you're back too early either to academics or to play, you're putting yourself in pretty grave harm for further damage."

Still, the communication system isn't perfect. "I think the one

piece we're still missing, the final piece: we don't always know when the player is released to play again," Cullers said. "And sometimes there's questions from professors like, 'if they're released to play their sport, does that mean I can stop giving them accommodations in the classroom?'"

Student-athletes are typically eager to get back on the playing field, but they must be cleared to resume regular class work before doing so.

"[Concussions] can lead to long-term problems if you hit your head again," Cullers said. "It may put you out for a full semester. And those are really hard conversations to have, because students don't want to quit their sport, but they want to be successful academically, so it's a ... fine line."

All things considered, Flynn is grateful that Kenyon and OhioHealth will be more attentive to rugby players. "I'm not asking to have my laundry done by the KAC," she said, "but I would ask that health ... which seems like something that should be important for everyone, was something that they took care of."

## VILLAGE RECORD

November 1 – November 7

- Nov. 1, 8:53 p.m.** — Personal items stolen from unsecured area at Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC).
- Nov. 2, 12:46 p.m.** — Student reported theft of College property from Old Kenyon Residence Hall.
- Nov. 2, 1:05 p.m.** — Unknown person(s) drew symbol on external wall on a New Apartment.
- Nov. 3, 2:13 a.m.** — Intoxicated student in New Apartments assessed by Safety officers.
- Nov. 3, 11:11 p.m.** — Student received injuries to head and face on Middle Path. Assessed and treated by Safety officers.
- Nov. 3, 11:46 p.m.** — Multiple party violations incurred at party in Morgan Apartments. Closed down by Safety officers.
- Nov. 4, 12:49 a.m.** — Intoxicated student in Old Kenyon Residence Hall assessed by Emergency Medical Squad (EMS).
- Nov. 4, 12:59 a.m.** — Intoxicated student in Old Kenyon Residence Hall assessed by EMS and transported to Knox Community Hospital (KCH).
- Nov. 4, 1:16 a.m.** — Intoxicated student in Bushnell Residence Hall assessed by Safety officers and transported to KCH.
- Nov. 4, 1:22 a.m.** — Intoxicated student assessed by Safety officers in Mather Residence Hall.
- Nov. 4, 1:40 a.m.** — Intoxicated student on College property assessed by Safety officers.
- Nov. 4, 1:45 a.m.** — Intoxicated student in Manning Residence Hall assessed by Safety officers.
- Nov. 4, 1:54 a.m.** — Student(s) threw concrete ashtray receptacle down stairwell in Gund Commons.
- Nov. 4, 1:58 a.m.** — Student reported theft of unsecured personal belongings in Old Kenyon Residence Hall.
- Nov. 4, 3:05 a.m.** — Student(s) found tipping over cement benches on Middle Path.
- Nov. 4, 1:37 p.m.** — Damage found to ceiling tiles, chairs and walls in Old Kenyon Residence Hall. Toilet tissue strung throughout.
- Nov. 4, 3:04 p.m.** — Student having an allergic reaction in Leonard Residence Hall. EMS assessed student but did not transport to KCH.
- Nov. 4, 5:47 p.m.** — Safety officers found used cigarette ends, beer cans and one candle in Horn Gallery.
- Nov. 4, 10:18 p.m.** — Student reported theft of unsecured belongings in Old Kenyon Residence Hall.

## VILLAGE COUNCIL

Sunday, November 4

- The Council held a variance hearing on the construction of Kenyon's new Health and Counseling Center. The Council approved the construction of a building whose footprint will exceed the Village's 6000 sq. ft. zoning standard.
- The mayor suggested the Council should consider replacing the water main from 209 E. Woodside Drive as it has broken several times and was most recently repaired in October.
- The construction of the sidewalk on Brooklyn Street is expected to be completed this week.
- The committee charged with determining the future of the College Township Fire Department said lack of experience in the Department means they need to make organizational changes.
- The mayor, with Fire Chief Bill Smith and Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper, attended a town-gown relations meeting at Denison University on Wednesday, Oct. 24.
- The Council approved the first reading of an ordinance that would create a four-way stop at the intersection of Woodside Drive and Brooklyn Street for safety reasons.
- The Council approved the first reading of an ordinance providing two-hour parking for the six parking spots at the end of Brooklyn Street, east of Ward Street.
- The Council approved the creation of a school zone on East Brooklyn Street, even though signs indicate that it is already a school zone.
- The Council approved payment to Bird+Bull, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 as an update to the cost estimates to finish part of the Duff Street/Meadow Lane storm water project.
- The Council approved the purchase of 71 concrete parking blocks from United Precast Inc. that will be installed in the new parking lot at the Community Center Park.
- The Council approved additional funds totaling \$1,454.75 to Bird+Bull Inc. for engineering work on the East Brooklyn Street project.
- The Streets & Utilities Committee discussed how to address the problem of the destruction of pedestrian crossing signs.
- The solicitor reported to the Council the core results from asphalt samplings taken from Woodside Drive. They indicated that the paving was too thinly layered. The Village will contact the construction company.
- Concern was expressed about the possibility of a change to the Ohio revised municipal taxation code. The Council is against a proposed change that would allow for taxes to be levied only for residents and not for citizens who work in a municipality. The Council expects its financial situation would be jeopardized if this change were to go into effect, as this would result in the loss of tax revenue from those who work in Gambier but who do not live in the Village.

— Henri Gendreau



# Students Track Close Races on Election Night

By LAUREN TOOLE  
NEWS EDITOR

"When they called the election, the room exploded. It was amazing," Joumana Khatib '13 said.

In a race that literally ended at the eleventh hour, President Barack Obama won a second term in office, beating Republican opponent Governor Mitt Romney and winning the state of Ohio.

Khatib was one of many who attended the Center for the Study of American Democracy's (CSAD) election watch party on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

"It was great to be watching it with so many people from Kenyon," Khatib said. "That made it really fun to watch it with the room packed, [and] it made the excitement palpable."

"I was nervous as hell, and I think everyone around me was too," said Lucas Pastorfield-Li '15, who also attended CSAD's event. "They did a great job at Gund setting things up, but I was way too into the election to really appreciate it."

While most eyes were on the large screen broadcasting CNN's live analysis in the theater, students trickled in and out of the Gallery's several open rooms — which included three other television broadcasts. Students discussed ballot initiatives or compulsively checked status updates on their phones.

"It was so much better than watching it at my own home," Khatib said. "It really helped me keep in the moment and really get swept away. I was so happy to be there."

Besides the CSAD event, other groups and students hosted watch parties across campus.

At 9:00 p.m., the Kenyon Democrats returned to campus from an all-day canvassing event across Ohio — in Reynoldsburg, Lancaster, Pickerington and Columbus — and headed straight to the apartment of Sydney Watnick '14, vice president of the Kenyon



ERIC GELLER | COLLEGIAN

At CSAD's watch party, students react to CNN's projection that President Barack Obama would win reelection last Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Democrats.

Spending the entire day canvassing did not stop the Kenyon Democrats from getting into the election fervor.

"It was awesome. The crowd was so enthusiastic, and we had all just been canvassing, so coming back from doing that we were so energized and focused on it," Watnick said. "We watched on CNN, because we were concerned that MSNBC would call it too soon." At one point, the TV was even tuned to Fox News, notoriously known for its rightward slant, because they thought the network would take the longest to announce Obama as the projected winner.

When CNN announced they had a prediction, the room immediately fell silent as viewers crowded around the TV, gripping their blue drinks.

"Then they said Obama," Watnick said. "We were all screaming and jumping up and down, and I opened my window in New Apts and started screaming four more years."

In the Beta Lounge in Leon-

ard Residence Hall, the Kenyon Republicans were initially hopeful as election results began trickling in.

"The atmosphere was optimistic at first, and stayed relatively positive even when it was clear Romney wouldn't win," said Andie Asimes '13, a member of the Kenyon Republicans.

After Obama was named the projected winner, the mood shifted, and became "stunned and demoralized," said Andrew Gabel '15, the Kenyon Republicans' secretary.

"This was the most important election in our lifetime and Republicans got crushed," Gabel said. "I think in terms of overall strategy, our party needs to go back to the drawing board. That being said, my concern for the GOP is quite secondary to that of the nation, and unfortunately I think we are in for a very difficult four years."

Asimes took a more positive outlook on the results.

"My personal reaction is that while this situation is not my first choice for our country, I try to stay confident in the checks and balanc-

es of the system," she said. "I think the hardest thing moving forward is going to be uniting the ends of the spectrum, because everyone walks away offended or insulted from such a race in some capacity."

During Election Night, students also paid attention to local results as the numbers rolled in. In Ohio, incumbent Democratic Senator Sherrod Brown beat Republican challenger Josh Mandel, while Republican congressman Bob Gibbs defeated his Democratic opponent Joyce Healy-Abrams in Ohio's 7th Congressional District.

Now that the balloons have been popped, the TVs tuned back to regular programming and the Gund Gallery has hosted its weekly PB&J Wednesday event as usual, the spell that fell over Gambier on a cold, dark Tuesday night has vanished as quickly as it took over. Except, perhaps, for the faint and echoing voice of Watnick deafeningly screaming across campus, "Four more years!"

*Sam Colt, Eric Geller, Lili Martinez and Madeleine Thompson contributed reporting.*

## ★ ELECTION RESULTS ★

### CANDIDATES

#### NATIONAL

##### President

Barack Obama (D)	51%
Mitt Romney (R)	48%

##### Senate

Sherrod Brown (D)	50%
Josh Mandel (R)	45%

##### House of Representatives

Bob Gibbs (R)	57%
Joyce Healy-Abrams (D)	43%

#### STATE

##### House of Representatives

Margaret Ann Ruhl (R)	68%
John Ryerson (D)	32%

#### LOCAL

##### Knox County Commissioner

Thom Collier (R)	49%
John Booth (D)	33%

### ISSUES & TAXES

#### STATE

##### Issue 1

No	68%
Yes	32%

##### Issue 2

No	64%
Yes	36%

#### LOCAL

##### Board of Health Levy

Yes	51%
No	49%

##### 9-1-1 Levy

Yes	54%
No	46%

##### Park District Levy

Yes	54%
No	46%

##### School District Levy

No	51%
Yes	49%

Source: The Columbus Dispatch

# Hillel: House to Change Student-Residence Options

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new building. They had mixed reactions about having no students living in the house.

"I think it really could swing either way. I think it could be really positive. I think it could be really negative," Lyon said. "I feel like if it's just a programming space with a kitchen and [Bragin's] office, it's kind of like you're just walking into [Bragin's] office."

Pochter agreed, adding, "I think one way it could be successful is if they have a total revamp of the Hillel program. I think if they're going to change the space, they should change the program as well. "There is a correlation between the program and the type of space that Hillel inhabits," he said. "It would make sense for there to be a restructuring of

the program in addition to the restructuring of the space."

Without student housing, the house will serve a new purpose on campus. "In terms of this facility, the idea was to build something that was strictly a programming space," said Hank Toutain, dean of students.

According to Toutain, Hillel House has had record participation in High Holy Day ceremonies and events, and the current facility cannot accommodate this growing community. In addition, the existing structure is not equipped to handle the number of people who attend religious services, or even those who want to cook meals.

"I think the primary driver was how do we accommodate students and the program," Toutain said. "Whether it's for religious services, cooking

and eating spaces, or for spaces to gather ... which is why this successor building to Hillel will not include residential space as it currently does."

The current building is one of the oldest surviving residential structures in Gambier. According to College Historian Tom Stamp, the building now known as Hillel was first occupied in 1837 and acquired by the College in 1970. In 2000, the structure was remodeled for its current function. Now, the building is falling into a state of disrepair, complete with warped floors and cracked walls.

"The structure itself isn't the greatest, to put it mildly," Toutain said.

As discussions surrounding the new Health and Counseling Center are finalized, plans are moving forward to have Hillel torn down over

the summer and a new house erected by mid-September. Though an architect has not yet been selected, Bragin has an idea of what the new house will include.

"In the new building, we hope to have a synagogue, or at least a chapel, a kosher kitchen, a dining room, my office with some more counseling space," Bragin said. "We still want a student lounge. The new structure will still be student-centered, it'll just be more attuned for programming."

Once blueprints have been finalized, Bragin said he will begin looking for community input on the new house.

"We'll form a committee, and there will be some students, a faculty member and a community member and we'll go from there," Bragin said. "But the project is a go,

and we're still moving forward with it, which is thrilling."

There is a potential for a Jewish theme house to emerge to replace the lost student housing.

"One of the options certainly would be for the development of a theme house up in North Campus or elsewhere to accommodate Jewish students who want to live together," Toutain said.

Bragin affirmed this could be an option in the future.

"We may have a kosher living option in the North Campus Apartments for those who would like to have it, and that way we'd really have two programming spaces," he said. "But for now, we're just going to have a new programming center."

Though Bragin was uncertain about how the new house will be funded, Toutain is

hopeful those who have supported Hillel in the past will be willing to contribute again.

"There are a number of friends of the College, [a] number of folks who have had for a while a particular interest and have in fact supported Hillel both in terms of programming and otherwise," Toutain said. "So I think we're hopeful that we might have that similar kind of support for the building of the new facility."

As the Health Center and Hillel projects move forward, Bragin hopes the new house will encourage community participation.

"We welcome everybody," Bragin said. "We really want people to use the space as a community space, so we're hoping that the new center stresses that and really is accessible and open."



# College Seeks to Attract Students With New Scholarships

Continuing a trend at Kenyon and nationally, the College will offer five full-tuition and five half-tuition merit scholarships.

By LILI MARTINEZ  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In alignment with a trend at Kenyon and institutions nationwide, the College announced this week new full- and half-tuition scholarships, which will be available to the incoming class of 2017. Five full-tuition and five half-tuition scholarships will be awarded to the “top students in every entering class regardless of financial need,” according to Kenyon’s announcement.

Students must submit their applications for admission by Dec. 15 to be considered for the scholarships, and semifinalists will travel to campus in February to interview with faculty and staff. The College will announce scholarship winners when admission decisions are released in March.

The College is financing the scholarships by reallocating money already designated for financial aid. “That’s actually more of an internal decision about just trying to use our financial aid effectively,” President S. Georgia Nugent said. But Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Jennifer Delahunty

“That’s a residual we get from this — a sense of, ‘Oh my God, I wasn’t going to apply to Kenyon, I was just going to go to Ohio State.’ So it brings more students into the system and gives us better choices for shaping a class.”

*Jennifer Delahunty, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid*

said she hopes a donor will step forward to endow the scholarship and ensure its continuation.

“We would love to have someone endorse this,” she said, “because there are a lot of people who are interested in having Kenyon win some of these really top kids who are going to go on to lead our country in amazing ways.”

After admitting the class of 2016, Delahunty said the Office of Admissions was concerned that top students from the applicant pool were not accepting Kenyon’s offer of admission and were choosing other schools with more competitive merit aid. “There’s a prestige factor associated with merit scholarships,” she said. “In the merit

scholarship wars, if you will, Ohio tends to be ground zero for those because of the many colleges and universities in Ohio. It makes for a challenging recruiting environment.”

Delahunty decided to shift more funds to merit scholarships, hoping to increase the college’s yield — the percentage of admitted students who actually enroll at Kenyon.

“This is kind of different for us to be able to offer these merit scholarships, to really attract students who will not only do extraordinary things here at Kenyon and be real catalysts in the classroom for excellence, but then also go on to win national awards and really reflect positively back on Kenyon,” she said.

Top high school students have more and more attractive options for merit scholarships, according to Delahunty. The University of Virginia’s Jefferson Scholars program awarded 31 full-tuition scholarships to top incoming first years in the class of 2016 — including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, board and personal expenses.

The Ohio State University’s “Eminence” scholarship covers four years of Ohio State costs and offers a \$3,000 enrichment stipend available after the first year of study. It is awarded to 25 incoming students. “We’re losing some very top kids to Ohio State with their full scholarship,” Delahunty said.

The larger strategy to attract more students to Kenyon hinges on these scholarships, according to Delahunty. “This sends a huge message to students looking at Kenyon that Kenyon is accessible financially,” she said. “That’s a residual we get from this — a sense of, ‘Oh my God, I wasn’t going to apply to Kenyon, I was just going to go to Ohio State.’ So it brings more students into the system and gives us better choices for shaping a class.”

Kenyon offers other types of merit aid, but has never offered a full-tuition merit-based scholarship before. Kenyon Honor, Science and Trustee Opportunity Scholarships were designed to be half-tuition scholarships, but have not kept pace with rising tuition, according to Delahunty. In contrast, the new scholarships will match possible tuition changes from year to year.

Although more and more colleges have been offering merit scholarships — Delahunty said it’s hard for a college to attract students without them — the trend is a step back, according to Nugent.

“I’m very involved nationally in trying to urge colleges to cut back on merit aid, and so I really regret that we end up doing more of it,” Nugent said.

“Even with my fellow presidents who are on the same page as I am and think that merit aid has overall caused more problems than it has solved, even many of us who are trying to bring about a new conversation on that are actually giving more merit aid these days. So I just don’t know how colleges are going to step off of that merry-go-round.”

## Levy: Mount Vernon Schools May Face Deep Cuts

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Helser added that she hopes parent-teacher organizations and other parent volunteer groups will help “sustain extracurricular activities” amid the cuts the district will have to make. Short stated that extra, non-mandated programs, such as elementary school music, art, and physical education, as well as Advanced Placement and other upper-level high school courses, are among the offerings the district is considering cutting.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Michelle Mood said she and her husband, Associate Professor of Political Science Stephen Van Holde, are exploring the possibility of moving away from Knox County.

“[We] are looking into the services provided in Delaware County, so we are prepared and can make our decisions once we know what will be cut from our local schools,” she said.

Mood fears the “no” vote on the levy may force

cuts in the services for special-needs children, like Mood’s son, who currently attends Wiggin Street Elementary.

Mount Vernon residents did approve an emergency, five-year, \$1.38 million levy in May 2011. The annual funding this levy provides the schools, however, is not sufficient for the district to reinstate high-school busing or any of the host of other programs it has recently cut.

Both Short and Mood anticipate the district’s college-bound students will

“I was disappointed that it didn’t pass — I was appreciative of the efforts of a lot of people to try to get it to pass.”

*District Superintendent Steve Short*

begin having fewer curricular and extracurricular opportunities and thus more difficulty getting admitted to good colleges.

“The state says the only way we can get the new [operating funds] is through the levy,” Short said. He also noted the district’s

permanent improvement levy, which provides funding to fix lights, air conditioners and other building fixtures, is up for renewal soon.

The Mount Vernon City Schools’ performance index, a standardized measure of student achieve-

ment, is just slightly higher than it was last year and is, according to Short, the highest it has ever been.

Short credits the “great group of people” working at the schools for the district’s continued excellence through recent rounds of cuts. Mood and Helser, however, expect the levy’s failure will result in a decline in student opportunities and school quality.

With Short not ruling out cuts to any non-state-required programs, their concern might be well-founded.

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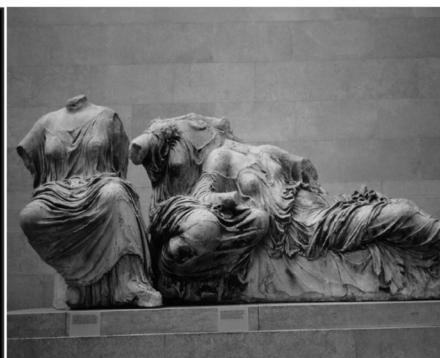
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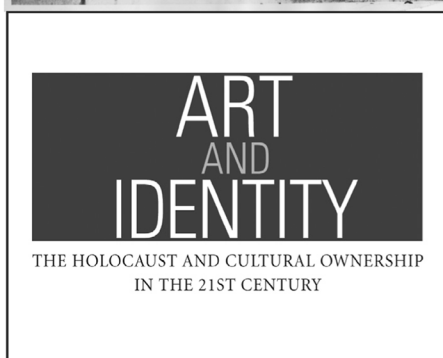
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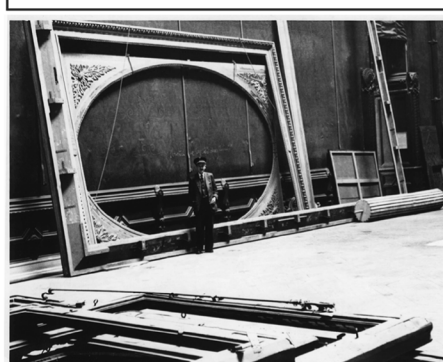
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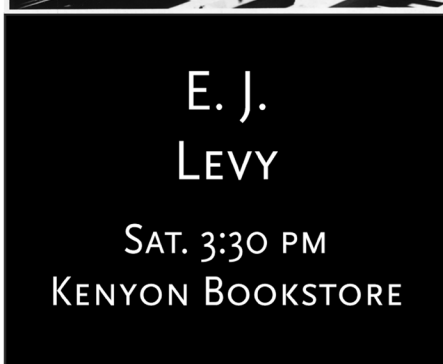
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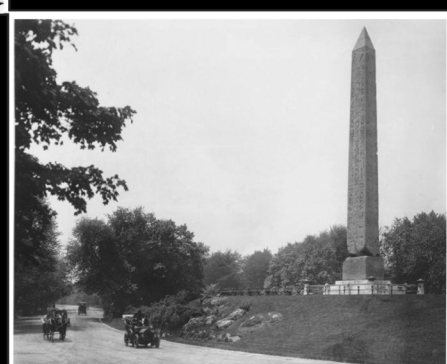
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# Staying in the Closet: Campus Republicans Choose Anonymity

By **EMILY SAKAMOTO**  
STAFF WRITER

With President Obama back in the White House, Kenyon’s conservative students will have to keep their politics to themselves for another four years.

When asked if she feels like a minority at Kenyon, President of the Kenyon College Republicans Myra Eckenhoff ’13 said, “Yes. Do I ever neglect to mention [my political views] in class or generally? Definitely.”

Eckenhoff said she knows many others who are also concerned about speaking up.

Kenyon is well known for its idyllic campus, striking beauty in the autumn and friendly student body. But much of that student body is devoutly liberal. Gambier is a tiny blue dot in a sea of red.

Despite this liberal leaning, though, Kenyon is home to a few conservatives. And whether they support Romney or not, they’re the “different” ones.

“I haven’t been attacked lately that much,” Eckenhoff said. “I’ve heard accounts from my new conservatives in the club. ... They’ll say, ‘I’m conservative,’ and ... people will just walk out of the room and never talk to them again,” Eckenhoff said. “That’s a little troubling to me: if you do speak up about your

“[Republican students will] say, ‘I’m conservative,’ and ... people will just walk out of the room and never talk to them again.”

*Myra Eckenhoff ’13, President of Kenyon Republicans*

views, you’re attacked immediately.”

John Nahra ’16 said he’s experienced his fair share of “silent times” at Kenyon.

“You don’t really want to speak out because you know you’ll get double teamed. I mean, once you find a Republican, if you get more than one, you can talk,” Nahra said. “But if it’s just like one against the world, you don’t say anything.”

A running theme seemed to come from those interviewed, a sense that being a conservative on campus is something to hide. However, several were upfront with their opinions.

Michael Jeffers ’15 chooses to defy the unspoken rules. He said he never refuses to speak up about his opinions for fear of judgment.

“Absolutely not,” Jeffers said. “I’m very outspoken.”

In an email, Jeffers discussed his experience as a Kenyon Republican using a metaphor.

“Let’s say there are five of us sitting at a table, discussing politics; there are four liberals and me, the

lone conservative. I may be outnumbered, but just because there are four of them and one of me, does not mean that they are right and I am wrong. I don’t need ‘head-nodders’ to validate myself,” Jeffers said.

Andrew Gabel ’15, the campus chair of Mitt Romney’s campaign at Kenyon and the secretary of the Kenyon Republicans, felt similarly to Jeffers.

“I don’t feel uncomfortable mentioning my views aloud simply because I’m used to people disagreeing with me. If I was less grounded in what I believe ... then I think I’d actually feel a fair amount of peer pressure to avoid talking about it,” Gabel said.

Sterling Nelson ’16 identifies as a moderate, but said he has felt the need to tailor his political speech to Kenyon’s population.

“I definitely feel pressure to identify solely Democratically,” Nelson said. “Some of the very reactionary, vocal liberals here do make me feel like I’m doing something wrong because I’m not as upset about things as they are.”



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This silent pressure, Eckenhoff said, is one that extends beyond discussion around the Peirce table and into the classroom.

“A lot of people choose not to speak up in class because they think their professors won’t respect [their views],” Eckenhoff said.

In what is considered an accepting environment, it can be strange to hear that some conservatives consider themselves snubbed.

“I don’t openly go around saying things. If I’m asked, I’ll tell you. But it’s

something I’m not really advertising,” Thomas Hite ’16 said.

Students with more liberal views are more apt to speak out, Eckenhoff said.

“I know a lot of the Democrats set up tables in Peirce and they tend to yell about Obama. I’m totally for politics being around because we should all be educated, but ... they just assume everyone agrees with them,” Eckenhoff said. “It gets kind of annoying.”

Here at Kenyon, politics are as prevalent as on

any other campus: heated debates and opinions are guaranteed. But Eckenhoff says there’s a double standard. “If you’re a conservative on campus, you have to be really well educated about everything you stand for because if you’re not, you look kind of like a fool, like you’re not politically knowledgeable. But if you’re liberal on campus your views are automatically accepted. So it’s just a little difficult,” she said.

Maybe 2016 will change all that. Maybe not.

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# Arbor Vitae? As Trees Die, College Readies Landscaping Plan

With several trees north of the Gates of Hell dying, trustees motioned to replace them.

By **JULIE FRANCE**  
STAFF WRITER

One-hundred-fifty-seven trees line Middle Path. About 75 percent of them are a variety of maple tree—Sugar, Norway, Red and Black. While the trees in the historic section of South Campus are thriving, many North Campus trees are dying.

"I think [the magic of Middle Path is] the Path itself, not just the gravel that you walk on," said Chief Business Officer Mark Kohlman. "It's the whole experience of the avenue of trees, this boulevard, walking through this kind of tunnel and seeing Old Kenyon at one end and seeing the Gates at the other, and the trees are a big part of that. If we took the trees down, it wouldn't be that."

To combat the arboreal die-off, the College has been collaborating with Davey Tree Service and Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc. "The plan is to identify the sickest trees and replace them with trees that can grow and be healthy on whatever section of the Path they are on," Kohlman said.

The trunk diameter of the replacement trees will range from two to four inches.

"Even though they look kind of scrawny, they take better," Kohlman said.

There are about 25 trees that need to be replaced along Middle Path, with the cost averaging about \$500

for the removal and replacement of one tree. Several new trees have already been placed.

"The issue that we face [with the trees of north Middle Path] is that because of the way that the road is designed, and because ... the state comes through and maintains [Chase Avenue, and] in the winter time, it gets a lot of salt and a lot of runoff running down, off the road going [towards the Bookstore on the east side of Middle Path] which is really stressing out these trees because it's a lot of salt," said Kohlman. "The type of tree that was planted there is not something that's going to survive the environment that's created with the runoff. So, we've identified some different varieties of trees that will be consistent with the rest of the trees along Middle Path."

The College would like to change the curb height to minimize the amount of runoff, but to do that would require the involvement of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Matthew Girard, an associate at Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc., started working as project manager on the Kenyon landscaping plan in the winter of 2011. "I was assigned to [the project]. I should say that having gone through it, I would have chosen it if it was given as an option to me," Girard said.

Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc. has years of expertise in college landscaping. Vassar College and other institutions have also utilized their services.

Though the College has taken initial action on the project, they have not yet set an official timeline.

"We're really still in design phase," Kohlman said.

Last month, the Board of Trustees voted to continue with the landscaping plan, but neither the cost of such an expansive project, which includes six smaller landscaping projects, nor the funding source has yet been determined.

However, the landscaping plan does not just apply to the enhancement of Middle Path.

"Some challenges were maintaining the Kenyon landscape as well as the canopy," Girard said.

Such projects include necessary changes like the chaotic front of Peirce Hall. With bicycles thrown all over the muddy grass, students will surely appreciate a more put-together setting with the new installment of a "bike garden" in which shrubs are placed in between and around bike racks.

"This is an area that we need to address, and it's something we should address relatively soon," Kohlman said.

The Science Quad is another focal point of the master plan, which proposes the



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Middle Path is currently undergoing a renovation process, beginning with its trees.

planting of around 10 to 12 trees in the Quad.

"We want to reconfigure it to really make it a place ... that pulls people in," Kohlman said. "Because right now, nobody really hangs out in there."

On Friday, Oct. 19, a prototype bench and temporary lampposts were installed.

"Those were just put out so that people would have a chance to see them on the Path and the trustees would have a chance to see them," Kohlman said. "Students came by and we asked them about it. Generally, the bench needed a little bit more work. It wasn't as comfortable as we would want it to be. So, they're going to go back and tweak the bench. I mean, people liked the style, but it was too upright."

"The [lampposts] we have

now are at eight feet, so that glaring light is right in your face," said Kohlman. The new lampposts are taller. In addition to installing lampposts and trees, other possible changes include bringing the Gates of Hell back to their original height before sediment buried them partially over time. The landscapers also looked at College Park Street, where the sidewalk is not wide enough for the amount of pedestrian traffic it receives. Thus, College Park Street may be changed to a one-way street to leave room for sidewalk expansion.

"The hill [on West Wiggan Street] has become a real pedestrian area. So, we're looking to see if there's a way to make it more pedestrian-friendly, at the same time kind of creating more of an

alley of trees," Kohlman said.

Those who frequent the post office will be happy with the changes to be made on Scott Lane: there will be a pedestrian walkway as well as designated plant areas along the road.

With the original character of the Kenyon landscape maintained in the new landscape plan, it is safe to say that a visitor to Kenyon 20 years from now will have a similar account as this one from a visitor in 1856: "Through the centre of the grassy plat passes a footpath. ... The whole scene, the graceful, cheerful architecture of the chapel, on the right, the valley on the left, the pleasant, grassy green in front, the forest beyond, with the sombre, half-concealed building in the distance, give an ever-enduring impression."

## Pupil to Professor: Klein Remembers a Simpler Kenyon

By **IAN ROUND**  
STAFF WRITER

It took Professor of English Bill Klein a while to make up his mind. He moved between three drastically different career options before landing at Kenyon in 1968, the school's last year as an all-male institution.

Klein, 76, grew up in Illinois, just a few hours south of Chicago.

"After I graduated from high school, I went to study in the priesthood," Klein said.

After a year at a Jesuit novitiate, Klein made tentative vows. After two years, he would have been required to make those vows permanent. But a few months before that time came, Klein reneged. "I decided it was not for me," he said.

After leaving the novitiate, Klein enrolled at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., where he lived with his mother and paid his own

"When I first came to Kenyon, this was a place that had lost its amateur standing in terms of alcohol consumption."

*Professor of English Bill Klein*

tuition. He earned a degree in mathematics, and then moved to Chicago to work as an insurance actuary.

He was deterred from that profession, too. "I had a specific thing happen to me working for the insurance company, and I didn't want to have anything to do with that," he said. After having dinner with Klein, a charming client came to Chicago. It turned out the client wasn't interested in Klein's actuarial analysis. Instead, the client wanted to know where he could find a prostitute. "I don't know anything about it," Klein said.

A few days later, Klein went to the University of Chicago and asked the chair-

man of the English Department if he could enroll. He asked, "What's your background?" and Klein said, "Not very good." He took an entrance exam, scored well and enrolled on a provisional basis so he could make up prerequisite classes.

Klein said that he learned something about hard work and humility in graduate school. "In my undergraduate days, I could be an obnoxious student. I could be pretty snotty because I was pretty confident of my faculties," he said.

"At Chicago I plunged in; I worked hard," he said. "I really didn't know how to begin to talk about literature. I had to figure out how to do

that, and it was hard."

He taught at DePaul University for a while. After that, at a convention in Chicago, Klein received nine job offers (after 25 interviews) in three days. From the bunch, he accepted an offer from Kenyon to work as a linguist and a historian of the English language.

Klein said that the all-male Kenyon had about 700 men when he began teaching in 1968.

"Life was a lot simpler back then," he said. "We were a much smaller school."

Klein said that in his second year, Kenyon admitted about 250 women, and slowly increased to its current size. He noticed the school's size increase when his sweatshirt was stolen. That never would have happened when there were fewer people, he said.

Theft aside, Klein said the school runs smoother than it did 45 years ago. The

academics — especially the English Department — are stronger, and the students are friendlier.

"And when I first came to Kenyon, this was a place that had lost its amateur standing in terms of alcohol consumption," he said.

You mean to say it became a party school? "Yes, well, faculty! A bunch of drunks," Klein said.

One night in those early years, Klein started arguing with his mother-in-law at 10:00 p.m. and didn't stop until 3:00 a.m., and all the while, the two downed a liter of whiskey. Still, Klein woke up at 7:00 a.m. to teach his 8:00 a.m. class.

"I know I couldn't do that now," he said.

Klein's best friend on the faculty was Professor Emeritus of Drama Tom Turgeon, who was hired two years after Klein. Their families vacationed in Maine, and their children grew up together. A

few years ago, Turgeon was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. He is now almost completely paralyzed.

Klein visits Turgeon regularly to watch the news and talk to him.

"We've settled into a kind of happy routine," he said. "[Though] I feel like an idiot rambling on to him and all he can do is blink his eyes."

"My favorite picture of him is [him] jumping up and clicking his heels and smiling. We had a wonderful time. He was the brains of our outfit, I was the ram-bunctious wild man," Klein said.

After this year, Klein will reduce his teaching load, dropping down to one class per semester. But he plans to stay on for another three years. "The idea of what it would be like not to be teaching ... it just scares the hell out of me," he said. "Now the trick is not to get senile along with it."





# Eye of the. Entertainer

By LAUREN KATZ  
STAFF WRITER

Kenyon's admissions materials claim the College inspires its students. But in order for that to happen, students have to engage with the Kenyon experience. Asha McAllister '15 hasn't merely engaged — she has plunged headfirst into all the Drama Department has to offer. She will play a character called Nurse in this weekend's production of *Medea*. Last year, she played Missy May in *Spunk*. McAllister also does theatre work offstage.

She served as the production manager for *4.48 Psychosis* and as the costume designer for *And Baby Makes Seven*. She is the property mistress of the upcoming *Red Light Winter* and was the property mistress for *Lion in the Streets*.

Hailing from Illinois, McAllister was her high school's valedictorian, and had her pick of colleges.

At the beginning of her senior year, she had a list of 46 schools, and Kenyon was nowhere near it.

Brown University had been McAllister's dream school since fifth grade.

"In the fifth grade, I read a book, and this girl really

wanted to go to Brown," said McAllister. "She talked about how amazing Brown was, and I was always like, 'I'm going to Brown!' because this character I loved had wanted to go to Brown. I had said this all the way up to my freshman year of high school."

Luckily, however, McAllister came to her senses. She always had a love for writing, and so when the time came to make the list smaller, she decided to explore the life of her favorite author: David Levithan, who himself attended Brown.

"First I was like, this is destiny! Let me apply to Brown!" McAllister said. "But then I realized it was an Ivy League school, and thought, 'how am I going to get in?'"

McAllister then turned to another favorite author, John Green '00, who shed some light on Kenyon.

"I said, 'Where did he go to school?' Then I saw Kenyon ... and seriously just fell in love," said McAllister.

McAllister did not waste any time getting involved on campus.

Not only was she the first first-year student last year to be inducted into the Kenyon College Dance and Dramatic Club,

but she is a member of Epsilon Delta Mu, a passionate member of the Black Student Union, and she spends most Friday nights assisting at The Escape Zone in Mount Vernon, a community program that provides a safe space for kids.

Though her extracurricular decisions seemed to come easily, McAllister's academic choices proved to be a challenge.

McAllister originally entered Kenyon thinking she would double major in English and drama.

But former Associate Professor of Drama Kevin Rich changed her mind.

"I remember the first week of school, trying to get into Baby Drama so very bad to make sure that I was going to like this," said McAllister. "I remember not getting in and being devastated, and also stalking every single drama professor that existed. I was running through the Hill [Theater], and Kevin Rich stopped me."

They talked for two hours about the positive aspects of a drama major.

McAllister always thought an English major was easy to sell, but soon realized that the drama major could be similarly employable.



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Asha McAllister '15 has been involved in six Kenyon productions in the past three semesters.

"Being a drama major tells every single employer in the world that you don't care about speaking in public, you can speak in public, and that you can articulate things whether you wrote it or not," said McAllister. "It says that you're risky, vibrant, and, God forbid, it says that you're a people person without having to say it."

As a result, McAllister settled on a major in drama, with a minor in history.

In high school, McAllister participated in a prevention theater group called Reality Theater. The group swore off alcohol and drugs, and instead focused on writing and performing plays for students of all ages.

For an audience of younger kids, the group wrote about topics like bullying.

For older kids, the group tackled more controversial topics, including drugs, alcohol

and sex. Reality Theater soon became the center of McAllister's world.

"All throughout high school, my mom would say, 'This thing is a cult. It's all you do,'" McAllister said. "If you go through my room now, everyone's like, 'Oh, what's this?' and I said 'Well, that's from Reality!' It was a major part of my life."

Reality Theater provided McAllister with her passion for theatre and playwriting that will follow her for the rest of her life. After Kenyon, the plan is to go to Chicago after spending a year in New York.

"I want to go to New York for a year ... and get this, I want to do an Off-Broadway show," said McAllister. "I feel like everyone wants to be on Broadway, and I just want to be Off-Broadway."

Though she does plan to act,

McAllister's real goal is to find a career in playwriting. Her true love has been and always will be stories, and her hope is to inspire audiences through her work.

"While I think a lot of people want to change the world, they want to do it on a large scale. But I think you can change the world just by making an effect on people," McAllister said. She said that Kenyon has sparked this desire to affect people.

"I remember Sergei [Lobanov-Rostovsky, professor of English] saying at Pre-Orientation, if Kenyon doesn't change you, if we don't motivate you, if we don't do anything, we haven't done our jobs," McAllister said. "And after one year and five weeks, I feel that way. 100 percent. Already a little bit changed. Already a little bit motivated."

## Kenyon Review Lit Fest to Feature *Love* Author Nicole Krauss

While the *Review* Award for Literary Achievement went to Elie Wiesel, Krauss will present on Saturday.

By LAUREN KATZ  
STAFF WRITER

This coming weekend, the *Kenyon Review* will host its annual Literary Festival. As in past years, there will be workshops, book sales and lectures on the specific literary theme, "Art and Identity," all culminating with the keynote event: the Denham Sutcliffe Memorial Lecture given by novelist Nicole Krauss.

The idea for the Literary Festival was the result of the *Kenyon Review's* yearly gala dinner, which has been held in New York for the last 12 years.

This dinner served as a fundraiser for scholarships to the Kenyon summer writing programs, but also acted as a way to present a well-respected writer with the *Kenyon Review* Award for Literary Achievement.

This year, Elie Wiesel was given the award.

"We like to honor people who have made a difference, who have made beautiful work, and I think Elie Wiesel certainly fits both of those qualities,"

said Abigail Serfass, the coordinator of the festival and associate managing editor of the *Review*.

Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, has written over 50 fiction and nonfiction books, including *Night*, a memoir about the Holocaust.

He received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1986 for his efforts to speak out against genocide, intolerance and the indifference of bystanders.

"He struck us as the kind of figure that brings together great writing with great acts of conscience," Professor of English Sergei Lobanov-Rostovsky said. "With the unique position that he has occupied in the culture over the last 40 years, he's in some sense one of those figures like Nelson Mandela, that takes up the position of being the conscience of the world."

"Usually when we give an award to a great writer it's only for the work," Professor of English and Editor of the *Kenyon Review* David Lynn said. "In

Wiesel's case, not only is his work truly great and deeply moving, but he as a human being has a stature of integrity and bravery that we felt should be honored as well."

Since the gala started, Lynn always wanted to find a way to share this experience with Kenyon students.

"I always felt bad that we weren't bringing them here to campus because I felt this should be a Kenyon event, and initially for those first five years, we simply didn't have the money," said Lynn. "After we had achieved enough income to make that possible, it seems to enhance the cultural life of the whole community in the fall."

Because of the Denham Sutcliffe fund, an alumni donation made in honor of the late Professor of English Denham Sutcliffe, Lynn's hope could become a reality.

For the last six years, the winner of the Award for Literary Achievement has flown out to Kenyon for the weekend-

long event.

This year, however, there is a change.

"What's different is that our awardee in New York this year is Elie Wiesel and he unfortunately was too frail to make the trip," Serfass said. "So this is our first time we are not doing the same person in New York and Gambier, but instead, we have asked Nicole Krauss to come."

When the *Kenyon Review* realized that Wiesel could not make the trip, they searched for a relevant author whose work connected to Wiesel's themes.

They finally settled on Nicole Krauss.

"Nicole Krauss came up as somebody a lot of people were reading just over the past couple years," Lobanov-Rostovsky said. "It struck us that she would be a good person who could bring a lot of energy to the event."

"I think she is one of the most exciting and brilliant younger novelists in America today," Lynn said.

Like Wiesel, Krauss focuses on the idea of the Holocaust in her work.

Her novel *The History of*

*Love* is about a lost manuscript from World War II, but also focuses on the theme of identity, which connects to the second major difference in this year's Literary Festival.

While in past years the Festival has focused solely on literature, this year the *Kenyon Review* is collaborating with the Gund Gallery's Art and Identity symposium.

A few years ago, the trustees of the *Kenyon Review* thought of the idea for the symposium, but the collaboration resulted from Director of the Gund Gallery Natalie Marsh's interest in the project.

"She was very interested in it, and felt the Gallery could play a major role in participating in it," Lynn said. "So she and I have collaborated very closely over the last couple of years in putting a larger group of the community and faculty together to shape the program."

Because of the collaboration, speakers such as Professor of Classics and Art History at New York University Joan Connelly will be visiting in addition to the typical literary

figures usually present at the Festival.

Students have always responded well to the major events of the Literary Festival, but the hope is that the collaboration will draw new audiences, such as art history and classics majors.

The main goal however, as always, is to get Kenyon students excited about the literature of today.

"The thing that's been nice about the Literary Festivals is that we always end up bringing speakers and writers who add to the conversation on campus about literature and art," Serfass said.

"Any time a major figure comes to campus, it's an opportunity to focus people's attention," Lobanov-Rostovsky said. "At a busy time of year, you kind of need a major thing like this to get people interested in what's going on in literary terms."

The weekend's festivities will begin with the Empty Bowls dinner on Friday, Nov. 9, which will raise money for Food for the Hungry, a Knox County organization.



# Screwball Farce *Boeing Boeing* Mixes Love and Deception

By PAIGE SHERMIS  
A&E EDITOR

Last weekend's production of the classic French farce *Boeing Boeing*, written by Marc Camoletti and dexterously directed by Emma Miller '15, was both a delightful exercise in character acting and a feather-light, peppy endorsement of monogamy.

The show was not put on by a major theatre group at Kenyon, but was produced by Julia Greer '15 and Dylan Jones-Tuba '15.

*Boeing Boeing* centers on self-satisfied American architect Bernard (Sam Allison '15), who resides in a Parisian flat with sassy maid Bertha (Katie Moss '15) and, at separate times, three flight attendant fiancées: Janet (Emma Smith '16), an American; Jacqueline (Kelsey Hamilton '15), a Frenchwoman; and Judith (Greer), a German.

Bernard switches the women in and out of his apartment using a pristinely managed book of airline timetables, but his rotation is skewed by the arrival of his old college friend Robert (Jones-Tuba) and several storms over the At-



GABBY ALZIARI

Bernard (Sam Allison '15) and his French fiancée Jacqueline (Kelsey Hamilton '15) share a passionate kiss. Jacqueline is one of Bernard's three fiancées in the play *Boeing Boeing*, written by Marc Camoletti and directed by Emma Miller '15.

lantic — an apt metaphor for the frenzy to come.

The zany plot, with the three women being shuffled from bedroom to bathroom in 'their' flat to a restaurant in the nearby countryside by Bernard, Robert and Bertha set the stage for the actors to display a full spectrum of emotions.

Allison never made Bernard seem loathsome, despite the character's un-

abashed polyamory, and he displayed solid acting throughout the play. He believably flipped back and forth from smarmy to sweet.

As Bernard's housekeeper whose accent changes to match the nationality of each fiancée, Moss sparkled. Moss' Southern, French and German accents were game, and her sarcasm and wink-jabs at various charac-

ters were a treat for the audience.

A boisterous and perpetually exasperated (yet thoroughly intrigued) Jones-Tuba, a businessman without a room, rounded out the trio of those in the know of the three-lover scheme; Jones-Tuba was impressive in his train of sentiments — incredulous, fascinated, overwhelmed, love-struck — albeit with nearly too much energy.

The three fiancées, however, stole the spotlight with their disparate but enjoyable personalities, all of whom are initially smitten with Bernard. Smith brought a dainty, snooty charm to the prim Janet, who may or may not have secrets up her sleeve.

Hamilton's sweet Jacqueline, who was much too tolerant of Bernard's shenanigans, was a highlight; Hamilton's flawless Gallic

affect was as authentic as her keen performance.

By far the most colorful character in the screwball comedy was Greer's Judith, who oozed intensity and passion with each word.

Overall, the cast displayed pleasing comedic timing and enough energy to produce several laugh-out-loud moments.

The physical comedy, primarily by Jones-Tuba and Moss, was never over-the-top; this also is a testament to Miller's deft direction.

The show's Weaver setting, while unexpected, served well as the cozy interior of Bernard's apartment living room.

Jazzy Frank Sinatra standards wafted through the air as the audience filed in, helping to place the scene in the golden age of air travel.

At times hilarious and surprisingly saccharine, *Boeing Boeing's* cast made the screwball a lovely diversion. This will perhaps set the scene for further great independently-produced theatrical productions at Kenyon in the future.

## Jazz Ensemble Infuses Standards With Contemporary Tunes

Artists from Mingus to Monk were featured in the set, which included two student-led combos.

By WILL QUAM  
STAFF WRITER

The Kenyon Jazz Ensemble played their first concert of the year to a moderately full Rosse Hall last Sunday, Nov. 4, bringing together a program featuring both classics and contemporary hits. The ensemble is headed by Professor of Music Ted Buehrer, but the concert was decidedly led by the myriad of student soloists who took charge throughout the evening.

The band hit the ground running with a contemporary tune, "East Coast Envy," by Grammy-winning composer Gordon Goodwin. The chart featured a driving bass feel and found immediate propulsion in senior Yoni Wilkenfeld's driving synthesizer solo. This was quickly followed by a trading of eights by Noah Weinman '16 (trumpet) and Chris Schwarz '15 (tenor sax), which led the band into a great and frenzied wall of sound. "Envy" provided a great introduction to the night by showcasing some of the ensemble's strongest soloists and hitting on the band's strengths of sound.

After another big band composition — this time by Thelonious Monk and featuring a skillful solo by Chris Murphy '13 (trumpet), among

others — the large group split into two combos, smaller groups that Buehrer stressed were entirely student-led and featured all-student arrangements.

The Wednesday Combo began with Charles Mingus's standard "Haitian Fight Song." In the true spirit of Mingus, a great bassist and composer, the song opened with Adam Reed '15 outlining the melody with a wandering bass solo that set the chaotic and improv-heavy tone of the tune.

Reed's musings led into the head, a round-like melody laid out by Ted Meyer '15 and Shannon Wright '16 on trombones, Weinman on trumpet and Mary Alice Jackson '15 on alto sax. The four fell on the melody like hunters to prey, each taking his or her turn to blast and twist it, bringing a welcome aggression to the stage. Of particular note on "Haitian Fight Song" and throughout the evening was first-year guitarist Andrew Clarkson who, from the get-go, demonstrated a mature confidence and capability.

Weinman stood strong on the combo's final piece, Roy Hargrove's "Strasbourg/St. Denis." He, along with Jackson, took delicate command of

Strasbourg's bop-like melody, adding a powerful and playful, if sometimes overpowering, solo later in the chart. Wilkenfeld on piano provided an exquisite solo as well, moving beautifully with the ebb and flow of the tune, playing exactly what was needed without a superfluous note to be seen. The only detraction was a disconnect between Wilkenfeld and Luke Frisher '13 on drums, which led to Wilkenfeld's solo becoming occasionally lost in the fray.

With the Friday combo came the great jazz standard "Autumn Leaves," led by Jason Cerf '15 on vocals. Cerf found a restrained and smoky nature in the classic tune, bringing the sentimental feel right to the fore. Cerf's controlled vocals contrasted nicely with sophomore Alex Pang's alto sax solo, which took a freer form with the melody, finding expression through embellishment and quick runs.

"Autumn" was followed by the great jazz pianist Horace Silver's "Señor Blues," which provided a great outlet for bassist Michael "Trixie" Kengmana '14, one of the band's most adept and inspired improvisers. His driving and adventurous solo was complemented on the chart by Schwarz on tenor



DAVID HOYT | COLLEGIAN

Emma Munger '14, Noah Weinman '16, Ted Meyer '15, Shannon Wright '16 and Mary Alice Jackson '15 perform as part of the Kenyon Jazz Ensemble in Rosse Hall on Sunday.

sax, whose solo managed to be both lyrical and boastful while always being conscious of the aesthetics around him.

With a strong close to the combos, the full group came once again to the stage to close out the evening with more big band pieces. They opened with "Una Mas," a fast-paced tune with a Latin feel in both beat and melody. Senior Garrett Feldman's trombone solo in "Mas" found success in simplicity, using a small vocabulary, but using it well and with a fitting aggression.

The biggest contrasts of the night came with Tom Gar-

ling's "Song for A.E.G." and Thad Jones's "It Only Happens Every Time," two colorful and impressionistic tunes in the vein of Gil Evans, the late pianist and cool jazz innovator. The ensemble found their greatest successes in these numbers, the rich chords and dialogues of the arrangements playing well with strengths of individual players. The charts also showed off the band's quieter and more sentimental mode, a welcome change, as the saxophones had been disappearing underneath the power of trumpets and trombones in the more traditional

numbers.

The ensemble ended the night with Mary Lou Williams' "Roll 'Em," a classic swing chart, written, according to Buehrer (the nation's top Williams scholar), for the late Benny Goodman band. The chart put a boogie woogie line in the saxophones, and plungers in the trumpets, bringing to the stage a groove and power worthy of ending the concert. This band shows leadership and skill across the board, a lot of promise in newcomers, and a sound that truly deserves a wide and enthusiastic audience.



# New Merit Aid Scholarships are a Short-Term Solution

This week, the College announced 10 new merit-based scholarships — half of which cover a full year's tuition. These awards are generous, to be sure. They're also suspect. They're not endowed by some large-hearted donor, and they don't reward particular skills. Instead, they "recognize extraordinary leadership, scholarship and community membership."

Kenyon is losing students to competitors with sizable merit scholarships of their own, and these new prizes are meant to abate that.

Does Kenyon need to do everything it can to enroll the best and brightest? Absolutely. And right now merit aid is a good way to entice those students into coming here. But increasing merit aid is not a stable long-term solution. Existing merit awards have not kept pace with rising tuition. Kenyon Honor, Science, and Trustee Opportunity Scholarships were designed as half-tuition scholarships, but in 20 years they won't even cover 15 percent of Kenyon's projected sticker price. For now, the new scholarships are safe from tuition inflation, but without outside support, it seems impossible for the College to offer such awards without diverting funds from need-based aid.

Need-based aid acknowledges that diversity enhances the educational experience. Merit-based aid is often used to bring in students who are able to help a college's bottom line by paying more tuition than someone who receives need-based aid. To her credit, President Nugent has fought against the spread of merit-based aid in higher education, but it is an uphill battle, and Kenyon sometimes has to yield to trends to remain competitive.

Offering 10 merit scholarships won't change the fact that only one-third of first years receive need-based aid. It won't do much to alleviate the debt carried by students on financial aid when they graduate — \$20,000 on average.

We're not trying to demerit merit aid. Fifteen percent of the student body receives it, and for good reason. High achieving students, no matter their parents' income, should be recognized and courted. But the College cannot build real diversity with flattery alone.

# Sheriff Undermines Good Samaritan Policy



By DEREK DASHIELL  
CONTRIBUTOR

One of my friends was hospitalized recently because of overdrinking. Someone used the Good Samaritan Policy to get him help, and everything was fine. But in his retelling, there was still concern.

"I got a call from the deputy sheriff's office," I overheard my friend saying. "I don't know what to expect."

This person was never on Village property. He never left Old Kenyon with alcohol or created a disturbance. He got sick and was taken to the hospital. And yet he's still concerned because of the sheriff, who is theoretically not supposed to have jurisdiction over this sort of case.

This brings us to the larger problem, one that students have voiced concern about before: the sheriff following ambulances to the hospital. It's well-known that if you get "Good Samaritaned" and they take you to the hospital, you stand a very real chance of facing criminal charges. Even if the sheriff doesn't follow the ambulance, the hospital is legally obligated to call the sheriff's office, which often follows up with a court

“There is no good reason for the sheriff to follow ambulances. There's no good reason to follow this law to the letter.”

summons in cases of underage drinking.

David Belsky '16 has never been Good Samaritaned, but he has several friends who have been. "At my old school there was a similar policy to Good Samaritan that was called 'Sanctuary,'" he said. "It was identical, except that the local police agreed to not charging hospitalized students, because they realized that it's a huge deterrent against friends calling for help. It's scary enough to call already without worrying that your friend is going to get a citation too; it's enough of a punishment that you wake up in a hospital."

I, for one, agree with David completely. I cannot be sure of the sheriff's motivation for following through with this law; perhaps he thinks that the extra layer of punishment will further deter students from overdrinking. Perhaps he simply thinks that the law should apply to them as much as it applies to everyone else. But his reasons don't especially matter, because his policy doesn't solve anything.

College kids are always going to drink, and some will drink to excess. Threatening criminal charges may

make people think twice about drinking, but for the people already drinking, it's hardly going to make them change their behavior.

For most students, overdrinking is an accident, resulting from bad judgment at a time when judgment is impaired. Throwing a citation at them won't prevent that from happening any more than hospitalization would. For every kid who stops drinking because of criminal charges, there's more than one case where people don't Good Samaritan someone who needs help.

Kenyon kids look out for each other. I've seen people be walked home and babysat by students they barely know. Many people go above and beyond the call of duty. Even in the first week of school, I saw a sick kid near a sink with a whole group of people looking after him.

But then the problem reared its ugly head: they had to debate whether or not to Good Samaritan him. If he was okay, they argued, then risking getting him in that much trouble with the police would really screw him over, for a night of mistakes that only resulted in him being sick. In the end, I found out later, they decided not to call

because he became coherent, drank a lot of water, threw up some and seemed generally fine.

That should never have happened. There should have never been that debate. The entire point of Good Samaritan is to get kids the help they need, no matter what, and the sheriff's actions directly undermine the purpose of this policy. It's insane.

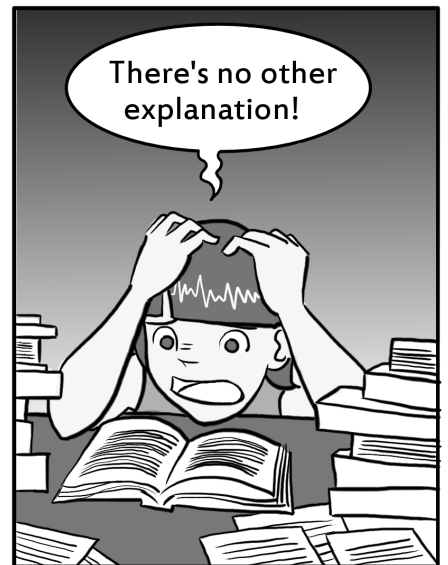
If the sheriff supports this policy, he should support it by staying out of the way when it occurs on Kenyon property. If he doesn't support it, his tactic comes across as passive-aggressive and ineffective. There is no good reason for the sheriff to follow ambulances. There's no good reason to follow this law to the letter. The law is not black and white.

Admittedly, cases where students were actually punished in the past have been relatively few and far between. But it's the very real fact that serious, real-world repercussions could be attached to someone's call for help that makes this a damaging policy.

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## Cold Cereal

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# Equestrians Secure Regionals Bids in First Two Shows

By **GABRIEL BRISON-TREZISE**  
STAFF WRITER

When Kenyon's equestrian team competed at Lake Erie College last weekend, they did so without a coach. Erica Parnisari, the team's coach, was hospitalized last week after one of her horses kicked her, fracturing two of her ribs. Despite Parnisari's absence, Dianne Thoensen '14 qualified for the Regional Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Championship and the Ladies placed fourth out of more than 10 teams at Saturday's show. They fell to second-to-last place the next day.

Last weekend's shows came on the heels of consecutive third-place finishes by the team on Oct. 27 and 28 at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio. Kenyon's performance at Findlay "was great for a first show," Co-Captain Morgan Greer '14 said. "Everybody rode their best. Everybody did very well, everybody placed."

The team can enter just one rider in each class, and only the top six competitors in each class place. With each placement, the affiliated team receives an assigned number of points. Riders can compete in classes over fences, jumping, and on the flat, where no jumps are included. Judges evaluate riders on technique, position and several other performance factors.



COURTESY OF ERICA PARNISARI

Rachel Cooper '13 is close to qualifying for the Regional Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Championship in the Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter division after earning another point this past Saturday at Lake Erie College.

Ten teams competed in each of the Findlay shows, the Kenyon team's first competitions of the year. The two teams that beat Kenyon on both days were Lake Erie and Findlay. Both colleges offer academic programs in equine studies. "It's just very, very hard for anybody to compete with them," Greer said.

At Findlay, Celine Aenlle-Rocha '15 accumulated enough points to qualify for Regionals. She added 12 points at the shows

to the 25 she accrued last year, exceeding the 36 needed to "point out" of her division, Walk-Trot, the lowest IHSA class. "I had never competed before college and so I was in Walk-Trot," said Aenlle-Rocha, who will now compete in the Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter class.

After three years of amassing points, Thoensen reached the 36-point threshold this past weekend at Lake Erie, pointing out of Intermediate Fences and into

Open Fences, the highest jumping class. By doing so, she qualified for Regionals, where individuals compete in the classes out of which they pointed. Greer said, "[Aenlle-Rocha and Thoensen] are the only people in the history of the club, as far as I know, that have ever [qualified for Regionals]." Rachel Cooper '13, with 29 points, and Greer, with 23 flat points and 24 fences points, look poised to join them. "It's a really good, well-rounded team," Aenlle-Rocha said. With

only 14 active members, the equestrian team is one of the smaller in its IHSA region. Nonetheless, the team has been able to field a rider in nearly every class in the shows it has attended this year. "Come next semester, we'll have one person in every division," said Greer, noting that the team will be larger in the spring, after members now studying off-campus have returned.

Fielding someone in each class "enables us to get more points to compete with the bigger teams," Greer said. The team has also benefited from contributions of three new team members, all first years. "We have new freshmen that are really good and have a positive attitude, and that's always important," Aenlle-Rocha said. One of those individuals, Lindsay Wheaton '16, had enough experience to be automatically placed in the Open Flat class, the highest flat class. This year marks the first time the team has fielded a rider in that class, according to Greer.

"We're still very clearly in it for fun," Greer said. But she added that she wants the team to be "more committed and more competitive."

The team next competes on Dec. 1, again at Findlay. As for Parnisari, "she's hoping to go back to teaching lessons later in the week," Greer said.

## Penalty Kick Ends Lords' Postseason

By **KEVIN PAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, the Lords traveled to Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) to play the first game of the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament. The game proved to be a defensive masterpiece by both teams, who played before a crowd of 827. Almost every Kenyon player attempted a shot, but the two teams were still tied after 110 minutes — two 90-minute periods and two 10-minute overtime periods. If this had been a regular season game, the score would have remained tied, but because it determined who would go to the championship match, both weary teams went into penalty kicks. The Lords ended up losing in this round, 3-2.

The Lords proved they would not go down easily after suffering a recent regular season loss to OWU. The Battling Bishops managed 23 shots and the Lords had 18 shots through the course of the game, but the Lords had more on target shots — eight, to the Battling Bishops' four.

Andrew Parmelee '14 said that even though the team was disappointed with the loss, it can now move forward. "I certainly think this season can be used as a learning experience," he said.

"We are not satisfied with sitting at home come mid-November, and I think the team is going to be that much more motivated moving forward."

Luke Guju '15 also said the end of the season was tough. "Penalty kicks are always a bad way to end a season, but we really fought. I can personally say I'm very proud of everyone and how we played this season," Guju said. "We had a very unique situation with our coach and we were able to persevere through it."

Lords Head Coach Chris Brown left the team mid-season for personal reasons, so Assistant Coach Andrew Brinkman led the Lords through the end of the season and to the playoff game.

The team finished the season with a 9-6-3 record and a 5-2-2 record in conference play. Smith recorded 11 shutouts, putting him second on the Kenyon all-time list. J.J. Jemison '13 finished the season with seven goals and 20 for his career, which ranks him 12th on Kenyon's all-time scoring list.

"We're a real special team and have a good group of hard-working guys," Guju said. "We're already focused on the next season and are looking to really put ourselves as a dominant soccer program in the country."

## Lords Take a Chance and Earn a Win

### FOOTBALL

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MCBRIDE FIELD

By **RICHARD PERA**  
STAFF WRITER

With 15 seconds to play, Head Football Coach Chris Monfiletto had a decision to make. The Lords were trailing the College of Wooster by three points, and, after a run to the Fighting Scots' 13-yard line, they had just spent their final timeout. A field goal could send the game into overtime, while an attempt at the endzone could run out the clock and result in a defeat.

"You're on the road and you've got a chance to go for the league championship," Monfiletto said. "Why play it safe? Just go."

He made the right choice.

Quarterback Dan Shannon '13 took the snap, faked the handoff to his running back and found tight end Greg McIntosh '16 all alone on the right side of the field. McIntosh ran into the endzone, and the Lords took their first lead of the afternoon with 10 seconds to play.

At once, the Kenyon sideline erupted and the Wooster crowd went dead silent. Players ran onto the field and jumped onto one another in celebration. Two Kenyon coaches in the press box were so excited by the touch-

down pass that their jubilant chest-bump accidentally shattered a window.

"We thought we were going to get man coverage and we did," Monfiletto said. "[Wide receiver] Nick [Gasbarro '15] took out the corner and the free safety, the ball was perfect and [McIntosh] was able to catch it. It was awesome."

"I was surprised that we hadn't called that play so far in the game," Shannon said. "It's one of our better plays. [McIntosh] was wide open."

The Lords held on in the final seconds for a 21-17 victory. The team improved to a North Coast Athletic Conference best of 5-1 and an overall record of 6-3. With the win, Kenyon secured its third winning season in 22 years.

The story of the game was undoubtedly the Lords' final drive, which began on Kenyon's own 12-yard line with 4:57 to play. Twenty-five plays and 88 yards later, the Lords had taken the lead.

"I think that the drive says a lot about [Shannon]," Monfiletto said. "When he throws a pick and I rip him up on the sideline, it doesn't faze him. He just

keeps going, they go up and we respond to it."

"I knew we had to throw the ball a lot because we only had a couple minutes," Shannon said. "Up front, we protected well the whole drive and the receivers really made plays. That was the difference."

Shannon was 25-37 for 239 yards and two passing touchdowns. He added 56 rushing yards, a rushing touchdown, and even caught a pass for 18 yards on a trick play.

Running back Brett Williams '13 tallied 85 rushing yards on 20 carries and Carlo Gagliardo '13 led Kenyon receivers with 95 yards on 10 catches. McIntosh scored two touchdowns on the day.

The Lords' defense conceded only 10 points in addition to a Wooster-blocked punt for the first score. For the second straight week, defensive back Zach Morrow '14 led the team in tackles, this time with 11. Linebacker Reed Franklin '14 tallied 10 tackles and forced a fumble. In total, Kenyon held the Wooster offense to just 236 yards.

"I thought the defense was great," Monfiletto said. "We held them to [just over] 200 yards. And that's a team that can kill you. They run the ball really well because they're spread so wide. We were able to keep them going horizontally instead of vertically."

Kenyon is in a three-way tie for first place with Wittenberg University and Ohio Wesleyan University. The Lords will host archrival Denison University on Saturday, and a win would result in at least a share of the conference championship — something that has not been done at Kenyon since 1989.

"We can do it. We're going to do it," Monfiletto said. "We have to improve this week, and if we don't then we're going to have a hard game on Saturday. This is the last game of the season, and we have to continue to get better."

Several student groups on campus have sponsored a "Black-out," encouraging Kenyon supporters to wear black, for the season finale. There will be a pre-game barbecue and free t-shirts for the first 200 students in attendance. Monfiletto is counting on crowd support to defeat the Big Red.

"We're going to need [the crowd] to win," he said. "They've got to be the 12th guy on the field. I hope they're as excited as we are and take a sense of pride in it. This is a really special thing, and it's not going to happen every year. It might not happen for a long, long time. But that's my message to the team [this week]: it's not about results, but it's about the process that goes into it. If we continue the process like we've done for the past 10 weeks, then we've got a shot."



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**SPORTS**

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# Lords and Ladies Swimming Suffer Close Losses to Denison

By **DAVID McCABE**  
MANAGING EDITOR

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams both suffered losses at last Saturday's dual meet with Denison University, with the Lords falling to the Big Red 157-141 and the Ladies 149.5-147.5.

The loss comes as the Lords continue to adjust to life under their new head coach, Jessen Book '01, and cope with the loss of several key swimmers from the Class of 2012. For the Ladies, the razor-thin margin is just another sign of the team's forward momentum since Book took over their program three years ago. Last year, the Ladies lost to Denison at the dual meet by 13 points.

The Ladies started strong, notching a first-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. The Kenyon quartet, composed of Rachel Flinn '14, Katie Kaestner '16, Jourdan Cline '15, and Haley Townsend '16, finished with a time of 1:46.97 — falling into the "B-cut" range for spring's Division III championship meet.

Mariah Williamson '16 came first with a dominant performance in the 1,000-yard freestyle, with Lady Syd Lindblom '14 also scoring in fourth place. Hillary Yarosh '14 (1:54.95) and Townsend (1:56.54) scored in the 200-yard freestyle. Three Ladies placed in scoring range in the 100-yard backstroke, led by Celia Oberholzer '15 (58.83). With her first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly, Hannah Saiz '13 earned a "B" cut with her time of 56.91.

Aiding the Ladies' total score was first-year diver Maria Zarka, who has shown herself to be a major asset to a



COURTESY OF MARTIN FULLER

Meaghan McLaughlin '15 swims breaststroke at an earlier meet this season.

program that has struggled with the diving portion of "Swimming and Diving" in the past. She took first in the 1-meter springboard dive and second in the 3-meter contest. All of Kenyon's four divers scored, including the Lords' Brandon Roman '16 and the Ladies' Megan Remillard '16 and Emily Bulik-Sullivan '16.

But as the meet wore on, Denison kept pace with the Ladies on points, turning the final event of the afternoon, the 200-yard freestyle relay, into a make-it-or-break-it moment for both teams. Denison's sprinters managed to eke out a lead and keep it, giving them the victory by only two points.

"I think we fought for it really

well," Williamson said. "And even though we didn't win, I thought it was a good meet."

As they work towards the end of the season, the Ladies will likely remember their close loss to Denison at the North Coast Athletic Conference Championships last year. Book says he believes the team has a chance of winning the crucial meet this year.

"It ought to come down to the last relay again," he said, "and when it does I look forward to watching the women win it."

In the contest between the Lords and the Denison men, the latter managed to overpower Kenyon's swimmers and earn a definitive victory.

The Lords were missing four swimmers in total for a range of reasons, but Book said it had little effect on the meet.

"It's one of those things we don't think about at this point in the season. It's about competing at the highest level with the people that you have," he said, noting that the team's times are improving.

"Our engagement in meets, the intangibles are also getting better," he said. "And that's what any meet should be — it should be a stepping stone towards the end."

The Lords were not without standout performances. Nick Charriez '13 was assigned to one of the outside lanes

for the 100-yard butterfly, but that didn't stop him from getting to the wall before the rest of the field in 50.90 seconds. Andrew Chevalier '14 took first in the 200-yard butterfly and 400-yard intermediate medley, and placed second in the 200-yard backstroke behind Denison's powerhouse Quinn Bartlett.

The oft-dominant Kenyon sprint group flexed its muscles on Saturday as well, with Kenyon swimmers scoring in all top four places in the 50-yard freestyle and the top three in the 100-yard event.

"Without hyping up the meet like we did last year, the caliber of swims we had was just as good, if not better," Charriez said. Last year's dual meet with Denison was tinged with drama created when the Big Red snapped the Lord's 31-year streak at the national championship meet in 2011.

This year's meet took place in Denison's brand new Trumbull Aquatic Center, a gleaming natatorium that is part of a larger expansion of the school's athletic facilities. Many of the Big Red fans in attendance wore shirts honoring the building with the message, "This is OUR HOUSE."

At times, though, it looked like they had moved in a little prematurely. One wall appeared to be awaiting signage with the University's name, given that someone had taken the care to digitally add the text onto the wall in the photo that adorned the meet's programs.

Atmospheric hitches aside, Book said the pool itself was fine. "I think it's a very nice pool, and I look forward to swimming fast there for many meets to come," he said.

# Men's and Women's Rugby Both End Season in Second

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After most sports games, teams tend to go their separate ways, sometimes with animosity toward each other. Kenyon's men's and women's rugby teams, on the other hand, have a different approach — they invite the opposition to join them for food, drinks and traditional rugby songs. "The spirit of the game is that we all get together and hang out and get to know each other," said Ladies' president Molly McCleary '14.

At Kenyon, rugby is a sport of camaraderie, and this year, many more students than usual joined in. The men's team had 20 rookies and the women's team had 12. Although the teams are eager to be inclusive, the sport itself is extremely difficult for newcomers to master. The fall season could have gone in any direction for both teams, and fortunately, they were both successful. In their conference, the Ohio Rugby Union, the men finished 2-2, and the women finished 3-2. Both teams

were second in the conference.

Lords Co-Captain Michael Kengmana '14 described this as a rebuilding year for the team. "For someone who doesn't know how to play, it's pretty complicated," he said. "There are a lot of very small technical rules, as well as techniques, that you have to pick up, so initially there's a pretty big learning curve." Because of this, there were some early season struggles. In the Lords' very first game, against Oberlin College on Sept. 15, they were down 17-15 until the final minute, when a successful try turned the final score in their favor, 20-17. The team lost its next two games to Denison University and Ohio Northern University.

The Lords rookies, some of whom had never played before, had to get on the field in almost every game, especially when injuries began to plague the veterans. By the time of their home game against Tiffin University on Oct. 20, only one senior was healthy enough to play. Kenyon was still able to defeat Tiffin, however, by

a huge margin of 52-19. In the Lords' final game of the season, on Oct. 29, they went out with a win over Earlham College, 26-5.

Kengmana was proud of how far the new players on the team have come. "All those struggles early in the season have really been overcome," he said. "I trust all of them to play well, and more than anything they trust themselves at this point."

The Ladies also showed depth in their new players. In fact, new kicker Megan Darnell '14 accumulated the most points on the team, ending the season with 75. This is a larger team than in the past, which McCleary was pleased with. "We were really happy with the numbers that we had," she said. "It's really indicative of the friendship and community we can build."

After a strong start against Oberlin on Sept. 15, earning a 36-0 win, the team suffered two losses in a row, to the University of Findlay and Ashland University, respectively. They ended the season, however, with three huge



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The women's rugby team beat Ohio Northern University at home on Oct. 20, 63-15.

home wins. Coming back from a week's break after defeating Hiram College 59-0 on Oct. 6, the Ladies beat Ohio Northern 63-15 on Oct. 20, and Ohio Wesleyan University 59-0 on Oct. 27. In the end, they tied with Ashland for second place, with Findlay taking the first spot.

Rugby does have a spring season, but, unlike in the fall, conference officials do not decide the

game dates. McCleary, Kengmana and other captains will begin to get in touch with other rugby teams come January to see if they can organize scrimmages and tournaments. McCleary said of the spring season, "It's much more fluid and casual."

One tournament that both the Lords and Ladies plan to attend is the annual Pittsburgh Rugby Classic. As of now, they

do not have much information about the 2013 tournament, but last spring, the Lords placed first.

Come spring, there will be more hard fought matches on the rugby pitch behind McCloskey Field and friendly hangouts afterwards. For now, though, each team can take some time to recover. Even with the camaraderie it provides, rugby is still a brutal sport.